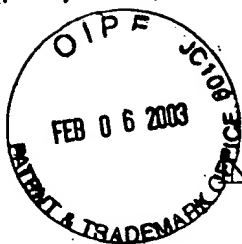


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 06, 2002, please enter the following amendments in the above referenced application and reconsider the application in amended form. No extensions or fees are deemed necessary at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Applicant's deposit account 50-0548 any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application for entry of this amendment.